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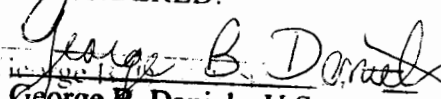
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Hon. George B. Daniels
United States District Court
U.S. Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

SO ORDERED:


George B. Daniels, U.S.D.J.

Re: United States v. Mendoza, et al
21 Cr. 21 (GBD)

Dated: SEP 13 2022

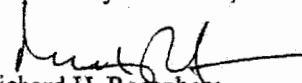
Dear Judge Daniels:

I am the assigned CJA counsel for defendant **Christian Cruz** in the above referenced case. I write today to respectfully request authorization for the expenditure of CJA funds to retain the services of Clara S. Kalhous, Esq. as associate counsel to assist me in defending Mr. Cruz. Ms. Kalhous has assisted several S.D.N.Y. counsels, including me, in the past as an associate counsel and, in fact, just this past October Ms. Kalhous served as associate counsel to me in a trial before Judge Preska (United States v. Adelekan, 19 Cr. 291 (LAP)) and her assistance was first rate. Ms. Kalhous is experienced and adept at reviewing digital discovery, preparing legal memoranda and preparing for and assisting at trial. She would be an invaluable addition to Mr. Cruz' defense.

As Your Honor is aware, the discovery in this case is voluminous. Accordingly, should Your Honor be inclined to grant this application it is respectfully requested that Ms. Kalhous be approved at the rate of \$110.00 per hour for an initial period of 35 hours with leave to request additional funding should the need arise. Of course, every effort will be made to avoid duplication of the work load.

Thank you for your consideration to this request and continued courtesies to counsel.

Respectfully submitted,


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cc.: Clara Kalhous, Esq.